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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV JOINT VENTURE LAW AND U.S. SECURITY
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1) REFTEL ANALYSIS OF YUGOSLAV JOINT VENTURE LAW STATES
IN PARA 4.I. THAT NEW LAW PROHIBITS JOINT VENTURE AGREE-
MENTS FROM RESTRICTING EXPORTS OF PRODUCT OF JOINT
VENTURES. COMMERCE'S OFFICE OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION IS
CONCERNED THAT SUCH YUGO PROHIBITION WOULD NULLIFY
COMMITMENTS UNDER U.S. EXPORT CONTROL REGULATIONS MADE
TO OEA BY YUGOSLAV FIRMS IN U.S.-YUGOSLAV JOINT-VENTURE
AGREEMENTS.

2) EMBASSY MAY RECALL THE 1976 LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
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THE YUGOSLAV ELECTRONICS FIRM ISKRA AND AMERICAN MICRO-
SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE PRODUCTION BY ISDRA OF SOPHISTI-
CATED ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS. ISKRA (AND THE UNIVERSITY
OF LJUBLJANA) FURNISHED CATEGORIC ASSURANCES THAT THE
PRODUCT OF THE U.S. TECHNICAL DATA WOULD NOT BE EXPORTED
TO CERTAIN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES.

3) COMMERCE DOES NOT KNOW IF THE ISKRA-AMI LICENSING AGREEMENT FALLS UNDER THE RESTRICTIONS OF THE JOINT VENTURE LAW. IN ANY EVENT, COMMERCE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS AND ADVICE ON THE EFFECT OF THE JOINT VENTURE LAW ON ISKRA AND OTHER SIMILAR COMMITMENTS IN THE FUTURE. VANCE

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